

moved before the required packages can be got at. We hear of one planter who had twelve and of another who had twenty-five hogsheads sent back to them to be re-coopered, thus subjecting the owner to the necessity of paying double freight, and the article to injury, a part of it having been sold afterwards as a damaged article.

The greatest evil arises from the fact that all the Warehouses are on the shallow water of the Basin and Docks. Can anything be more shortsighted or absurd than to bring an article from the deep water grounds of the Bay and its tributaries to the head of a creek so shallow that it has to be carried back again at a heavy cost by drays to the deep water at Fell's Point, before it can be shipped to foreign ports.

From the best data your Committee have been able to obtain, there is reason to believe that under the present system or rather want of system, each year's crop of tobacco pays an excess of not less than from seventy-five to one hundred thousand dollars, all of which falls of course on the planters. Is it best to continue or abolish inspections? In answer to this query, your Committee decidedly recommend its continuance, but advise at the same time the whole system be revised and reconstructed. From the enhanced value of the present locations of the Warehouses, and also considering the price of land nearer to deep water, your Committee would earnestly recommend in chief of all, that the present Warehouses be sold out to the highest bidder or bidders, and that new and more ample accommodations be had on deep water and so arranged that ships of the greatest draught may lie alongside and load directly from the Warehouses. We have reason to believe that store-rooms, twice as commodious and convenient as the present Warehouses may be had, besides a handsome profit to the tobacco fund. Under the worst view of the case we are assured that this most desirable change may be made without the slightest loss.

Your Committee would further recommend the appointment of one Inspector with as many deputies as he may require, all to give bond to the State for the faithful performance of their duties.

In connection with the Tobacco Warehouses, your Committee have examined the State Wharf property, and in places have found it miserably out of repair and requiring immediate attention and repair. They also believe said property should, as it could be, rendered more profitable for revenue purposes. Your Committee are also of the opinion as it is now managed, individuals have the use and advantages of the same at a price merely nominal and far below that which might be obtained. Your Committee find these Wharves are used for the purposes of storing wood, more than for the purpose of receiving tobacco. They therefore most respectfully call your attention to this matter. Your Com-